

# CANON JOHNSON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Good afternoon,

This has been another busy week in school with Remembrance Day, Diwali, Children in Need; and now we start to think about preparing for Christmas. I have included some of the events we will be putting together for you to view (mostly via the website) in the newsletter so you can catch up with them during the coming weeks. If you have any suggestions for our celebrations please email me.

# CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for supporting Children In Need today. Please could you donate money via the donation webpage on the Children In Need website. The link for the page is <a href="https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/">https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</a> .

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to COVID, all of our events have had to be changed this year. Key Stage 1 and Early Years will be working on a production. These will be filmed and then posted onto the school website (consents permitting). We will also be filming a Key Stage 2 Carol Service as well which will be posted on the school website.

The annual Christmas dinner will be going ahead but unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents and the school community this year. Early Years and Key Stage 1 will have their dinner in the hall at the same time distanced whilst Key Stage 2 will have theirs later during the day so that staff can clean and sanitise the tables and chairs for the pupils.

Sadly, we will not be able to stage our Christmas Fair that would have been coming up in the next two weeks. We aim to have a Spring Fair in the new year which we hope may also include a car boot sale in the school playground.



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### ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week we will be taking part in Anti Bullying Week which is taking part across the country. Next week is celebrating that people are all different and we should celebrate this. To join in the celebrations, we will be taking part in odd socks day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please could your children wear odd socks for the day to celebrate how different we are.

#### **REMEMBRANCE EXHIBITION**

Last week we had a Remembrance Exhibition to show the work the classes had been producing during War Study Week. Here are some pictures of the exhibition.



# PUPIL AWARD NOMINATION AND VOTE

One of our pupils, Kaitlin, has been nominated in the Amazing Ashton Awards. If you would like to vote for her, please click on the link below or search for Amazing Ashton Awards via a google search.

https://www.ladysmithshoppingcentre.com/Article/Vote-for-our-Amazing-Ashton-Shortlist

# LOCKDOWN RULES

As a school we have been asked to remind parents and families of the lockdown rules that have been put into place as of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The latest lockdown rules are:

- Only leave your home for specific reasons these include for childcare or education, for work purposes where you cannot work from home, for exercise, to visit an outdoor public place, for medical reasons, shopping for basic essentials, or to provide care for vulnerable people, visit people in your support bubble or as a volunteer.
- Workplaces remain open where people cannot work from home.



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- No mixing of different households inside homes, except for childcare and other support.
- No mixing of households outside, except for exercising or visiting a public place with one other person.
- All non-essential retail, gyms, leisure centres, bars, restaurants (except for takeaway and delivery services) and hospitality will close.
- All entertainment venues and personal care facilities will close.
- Hotels and other accommodation should only open for those having to travel for work purposes.
- International travel out of the UK banned, except for work.

# SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Can I just remind parents about our own policies to reduce the spread of COVID in school? These are:

- All parents to wear face masks when bringing in and collecting children from school.
- Parents maintain social distancing whilst in the school grounds, following one way systems.
- Parents meeting a member of staff must sign in using the track and trace app QR code we have in the front office (if meeting in the building).

# TRUST DIGITAL STRATEGY AND TEAMS

On Monday the trust released their digital strategy for all the schools in the trust and staff started their training on how to use the apps that we will be opening out to all pupils in the school. The aim is to provide all pupils from Year 3 to 6 with a 1 to 1 device to be used in school and at home for homework and to use if a pupil or child is in isolation. We also aim to have a bank of 1 to 1 devices for pupils in Key Stage 1 and Early Years to take home in the case of isolation.

The action plan for the implementation of this strategy is:

- 1. To complete a wifi audit of the school. This will enable whole classes to use the ipads in school all at the same time.
- 2. Purchase the ipads for staff and staff training
- 3. Purchase the ipads for pupils and train the pupils in how to use them
- 4. Offer parent training in the use of the ipads and software we will be installing on the ipads.



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CANON JOHNSON CofE Primary School Star of the Week and Captain's Table

#### Star of the Week

Nursery	Sebb
Reception	Рорру
Year 1	Lily-Mary
Year 2	Isla M
Year 3	Archie
Year 4	Amelia
Year 5	Maisy
Year 6	Abdul

#### Captain's Table

Year 1	Zak
Year 2	Olivia
Year 3	Мауа
Year 4	Breeya
Year 5	Marcus
Year 6	Lucas

Headteacher's Award: Abdul for being a 'real' friend.

#### Whole School Attendance: 97.8%

Once again, thank you for your patience and support for the staff of the school. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all and please stay safe.

Have a great weekend and look forward to speaking to you soon. Mr Bidgood Headteacher



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